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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of :  
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Title: MODIFIED SURFACE ANTIGEN

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003 (Paper No. 23). This response is being timely submitted in view of the filing with this Amendment of a Petition for a three-month extension of time to and including April 30, 2004, including the payment of the appropriate extension fee.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: